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RICE VALLEY WILDERNESS
41,357 Acres
Designated October 31, 1994 by the California Desert Protection Act,
Public Law 103-433

This is the final legal description as required in Section 103(b) of the above mentioned Act. It describes the boundary for the Rice Valley Wilderness Area located in Riverside County, California and managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The boundary is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the 1/4 corner between Sections 8 & 17, T.2S., R.21E., SBM, said point being the point of beginning;

thence easterly along the line between Sections 8 & 17, 9 & 16, 10 & 15, 11 & 14 and 12 & 13 to point 1, the corner common to Sections 7, 12, 13 & 18;

thence continuing easterly along the line between Sections 7 & 18, T.2S., R.22E., to point 2, the intersection with a line parallel with and 30 feet southwesterly of the centerline of a jeep trail, said intersection located in the northwest 1/4 of Section 17;

thence southeasterly, parallel with and 30 feet southwesterly of said centerline to point 3, the intersection with a line parallel with and 50 feet northwesterly of the centerline of a power transmission line right-of-way No. R1418;

thence southwesterly, parallel with and 50 feet northwesterly of said centerline to point 4, the intersection with a line parallel with and 25 feet northwesterly of the centerline of a maintenance road right-of-way, said intersection located in the northwest 1/4 of Section 20, T.3S., R.22E.;

thence southwesterly, parallel with and 25 feet northwesterly of said centerline to point 5, the intersection with a line parallel with and 50 feet northwesterly of the centerline of said power transmission line right-of-way No. R1418, said intersection located in the southwest 1/4 of Section 32;

thence southwesterly, parallel with and 50 feet northwesterly of said centerline to point 6, the intersection with a line parallel with and 25 feet northwesterly of the centerline of said maintenance road right-of-way;

thence southwesterly, parallel with and 25 feet northwesterly of said centerline to point 7, the intersection with the township line between Sections 32 & 5, T.3 & 4S., R.22E.;

thence southwesterly to point 8, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°51'51" N. latitude, 114°42'04" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "BIG MARIA MTS. SW, CALIF.", 1971, and an elevation of 1465 feet, as shown on said quadrangle;

thence southwesterly to point 9, a contact point between light & dark rock formations located on a spur, said point having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°51'44" N. latitude, 114°42'42 1/2" W. longitude, as determined by GPS observations, +- 2-5 meters accuracy;

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thence northerly along the spur to point 10, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°51'52" N. latitude, 114°42'45" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "BIG MARIA MTS. SW, CALIF.", 1971;

thence northwesterly to point 11, a peak located on the divide in the northeast 1/4 of Section 36, T.3S., R.21E., having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'19" N. latitude, 114°43'11" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "BIG MARIA MTS. SW, CALIF.", 1971;

thence northwesterly along the divide to point 12, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'47" N. latitude, 114°43'50" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "BIG MARIA MTS. NW, CALIF.", 1971;

thence southwesterly to point 13, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'39" N. latitude, 114°44'16" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "BIG MARIA MTS. NW, CALIF.", 1971;

thence southwesterly to point 14, a saddle having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'22" N. latitude, 114°44'37" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "BIG MARIA MTS. SW, CALIF.", 1971;

thence southwesterly to point 15, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'14" N. latitude, 114°45'03" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "INCA, CALIF.", Provisional Edition 1983, and an elevation of 614 meters, as shown on said quadrangle;

thence westerly to point 16, a saddle having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'17" N. latitude, 114°45'31" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "INCA, CALIF.", Provisional Edition 1983;

thence northerly along a ridge to point 17, a saddle near the Eagle Nest mines, said saddle having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'38" N. latitude, 114°45'28" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "STYX, CALIF.", Provisional Edition 1983;

thence northwesterly to point 18, a peak having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'48" N. latitude, 114°45'36" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "STYX, CALIF.", Provisional Edition 1983, and an elevation of 741 meters, as shown on said quadrangle;

thence westerly to point 19, a saddle having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°52'42" N. latitude, 114°46'41" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "STYX, CALIF.", Provisional Edition 1983;

thence northerly to point 20, the westerly toe of spur having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°53'10" N. latitude, 114°46'41 1/2" W. longitude, as determined by GPS observations, +- 2-5 meters accuracy;

thence northwesterly to point 21, the westerly toe of spur having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°53'20 1/2" N. latitude, 114°46'47" W. longitude, as determined by GPS observations, +- 2-5 meters accuracy;

thence northwesterly to point 22, a point 100 feet northeasterly of the centerline of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way where it intersects the north edge of a wash, said intersection having NAD 1927 coordinates of 33°53'39" N. latitude, 114°46'58" W. longitude, as scaled from the 7.5 minute U.S.G.S. quadrangle "STYX, CALIF.", Provisional Edition 1983;

thence northwesterly, parallel with and 100 feet northeasterly of said centerline for to point 23, the intersection with the line between Sections 11 & 14, T.2S., R.20E.;

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thence easterly along the line between Sections 11 & 14, 12 & 13, T.2S., R.20E., and 7 & 18, T.2S., R.19E., to point 24, the West-East 1/64 corner between Sections 7 & 18;

thence southerly along the north/south centerline of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 18 to point 25, the Northwest-Northeast 1/64 corner of Section 18;

thence easterly along the east/west centerline of the northwest 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 18 to point 26, the Center-North-Northeast 1/64 corner of Section 18;

thence southerly along the north/south centerline of the northeast 1/4 of Section 18 to point 27, the Northeast 1/16 corner of Section 18;

thence easterly along the east/west centerline of the northeast 1/4 of Section 18 to point 28, the North 1/16 corner between Sections 17 & 18;

thence southerly along the line between Sections 17 & 18 to point 29, the South-North 1/64 corner between Sections 17 & 18;

thence easterly along the east/west centerline of the south 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 17 to point 30, the Center-South-North 1/64 corner of Section 17;

thence northerly along the north/south centerline of Section 17 to the point of beginning.

End of Description

The above description containing approximately 41,357 acres utilizes the Big Maria Mountains Northwest, Big Maria Mountains Southwest, Grommet, Inca, Rice, and Styx 7.5 minute quadrangle maps prepared by the USGS. The boundary calls listed herein are in part a result of scaling distances from said quad maps and are not a result of survey. All courses have been depicted upon the above mentioned quad maps and are made a part of this official record. Acreage is calculated from the CASO ArcInfo wilderness coverage.

I hereby certify the legal description and map herewith represent the location of the boundary of the Rice Valley Wilderness designated by the California Desert Protection Act, Public Law 103-433 dated October 31, 1994.

Signed:

Ed Hastey
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State Director, California

10/15/98
Date